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TAGS: KN CH US UR PLOS MOPS
SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN MILITARY SEA BOUNDARY

REF: (A) STATE 185975 (NOTAL; (B) STATE 190651 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ILLCHEV FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, MADE THE TALKING POINTS IN REF A AND LEFT THEM IN A NON PAPER. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION.

2. ILLCHEV THANKED ME AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM HIS AUTHORITIES. SPEAKING CAREFULLY FROM A WRITTEN BRIEF, HE ASSERTED THAT THE DPRK IS A SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENT STATE AND AS SUCH CAN NATURALLY ADOPT MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD ITS RIGHTS AND INTERESTS. REGARDING THE QUESTION OF HOW THE DPRK'S ACTION TALLY WITH THE RULES OF THE LAW OF THE SEA AND "WITH THE POSITION STATED BY OUR SIDES," THIS IS NOW UNDER CAREFUL STUDY. AT THE THIRD LOS CONFERENCE CERTAIN TENDENCIES WERE VOICED AND "OUR POSITION REGARDING THESE TENDENCIES IS WELL
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KNOWN." THE SOVIET SIDE WILL STUDY THE "WHOLE COMPLEX" OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE DPRK ACTION AND IF NECESSARY WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE US AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT.

3. I SAID THAT I HOPED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD DECIDE IT WAS

N THEIR INTEREST AND IN CONSONANCE WITH THEIR
LOS POSITION TO TELL THE NORTH KOREANS THAT THEY SHOULD
RESCIND THEIR MOVE.

4. REITERATING AND SLIGHTLY EXPANDING ON HIS EARLIER
FORMULATIONS, ILLCHEV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE
GUIDED "BY OUR COMMON INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER" AND
THAT WE WOULD HEAR FROM THEM AS SOON AS THIS PROVES
POSSIBLE.

5. COMMENT: ILLCHEV, WHO WAS WELL PREPARED, RECEIVED
ME IN A FRIENDLY MANNER. HIS REMARKS WERE CLEARLY
DESIGNED TO CONVEY A SENSE OF SHARED SOVIET CONCERN OVER
THE LOS IMPLICATIONS OF THIS MATTER WHILE DOCUMENTING FOR
THE RECORD SOVIET SUPPORT FOR DPRK SOVEREIGN RIGHTS.
THERE WAS NO POLEMIC, AND NO EFFORT TO DUCK THE ISSUE
AS DID THE CHINESE (REF B).
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